

THINK SPRING: This sign on the lawn (under the snow) of Buchanan Lodge 449, Loyal Order of Moose, suggests the power of positive thinking. The grass was buried under a late snowstorm Wednesday, but was beginning to show through today as spring-like weather began to prevail again. (Staff photo)

## Bangor School Board Denounced By Blacks

### Asst. High School Principal Center Of Controversy

By STEVE McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

BANGOR — School officials here will be meeting next week with black residents in the first of a proposed series of meetings to discuss racial problems at the school.

Howard Beyer, the school superintendent said today the meeting, for which no definite date has yet been established, was suggested following a special board meeting last night attended by 400-500 persons.

The meeting last night had been demanded after the board voted on March 22 not to renew

the contract of assistant high school principal and athletic director, Roland Watts, one of two black educators in the Bangor school system.

"We are going to try and smooth things out," Beyer said of the initial meeting, and school administration for not rehiring Watts.

A board member, who asked not to be identified, said "I think we have some problems that we have overlooked at the school," and added that he hoped the meetings would permit school officials and black residents of the district to open lines of communication.

Those problems, apparently

many of them racial, were mentioned at the Thursday night meeting as a number of black persons angrily denounced the board and school administration for not rehiring Watts.

One black resident asserted that black children "...have no teachers in the school system to relate to."

The school district has an enrollment of about 2,080 students, with blacks making up about 15 per cent of the total, a school official said.

A black woman who said she

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ROLAND WATTS  
Center of controversy

## Good Samaritans? -- Good Friday?

Two good Samaritans on Good Friday turned out to be bandits, two brothers from Berwyn, Ill., complained to Twin City area police today.

Benton township police reported the brothers said they were robbed after having a flat tire on I-94 and two men stopped to give them a ride to a wrecker service.

Victims Joe and Tony Fricano, 2643 South Oak Park, Berwyn, said they were robbed of \$315 at gun point.

The brothers told police they had a flat tire near the I-96 interchange. The car slipped off the jack, puncturing the gas tank.

They tried to flag down motorists for a lift, and finally two men stopped in a 1963 or 64 dark blue Pontiac. The brothers got in the car and were robbed almost immediately. They were released in Watervliet township.

The incident was reported about 6:30 a.m.

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## Move To Overturn Reapportionment Plan

## Cass Officials To File Lawsuit

BY TOM BRUNDRETT  
State Editor

and submits one to create a 15-member board for consideration.

The challenge meant that apportionment plans in three counties making up most of southwestern Michigan were facing court review. Challenges previously have been filed against the plans in Berrien and Van Buren counties.

By law, apportionment commissions in each of the counties were required to adopt an apportionment plan to make districts equal in population.

Grady and Sarabyn are Republicans. Rodebush, Nevins and Ropp are Democrats.

The lawsuit was prepared by Atty. Tat Parish of the Locke, Parish and Ford law firm, St. Joseph. Parish also represents the group that is challenging the Berrien county plan. He is a former Berrien county Democrat party chairman.

In the suit, the Cass five contend the apportionment plan filed with the secretary of state by the Cass county apportionment commission was

never officially adopted, gerrymandered one district and has and permits a difference of 45 between the high and low population count.

According to the lawsuit, the apportionment commission reached consideration of the plan in a process of elimination whereby all other plans were dropped from consideration.

A member of the commission, Richard Grabemeyer, in a statement made part of the lawsuit, said the vote on the 11-member plan involved the question of whether the plan

should be kept for further consideration.

Grabemeyer, chairman of the Cass county Democratic party, said he would not have voted for adopting the plan had such a vote been asked. He also said that at least one other member of the five-member apportionment commission had also indicated he would not have voted for adoption although he had voted to keep the plan in consideration.

Grabemeyer had submitted

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MISS GALIEN 1972: Cindy Braje, 18, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Braje, Elm Valley road, Galien, was selected as Miss Galien 1972 last night. She will represent Galien at the final Miss Blossomtime pageant April 17 in Benton Harbor. Story on back page, this section.

## Testifies Defendant Knew Janet Uland

### Purnell Hearing Adjourned

By ALAN AREND  
Staff Writer

A preliminary examination for David Jordan Purnell, accused on an open charge of murder in the slaying of Janet Uland, was adjourned until next Friday by Berrien Fifth District Judge John T. Hammond, after three hours of testimony Thursday by three prosecution witnesses.

The purpose of the examination is to determine if Purnell should be bound over to Circuit court on the murder charge.

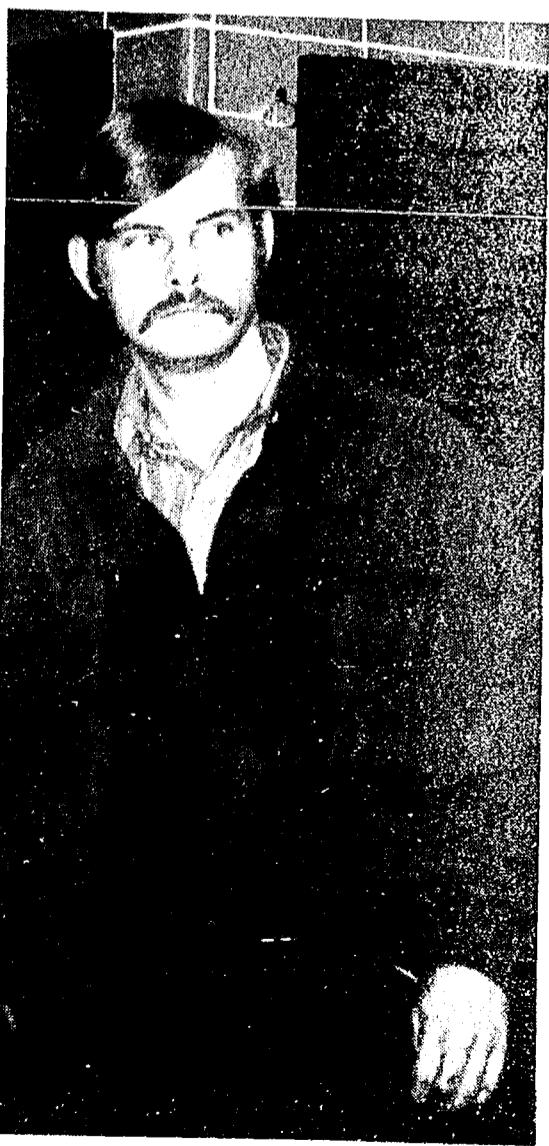
Testifying yesterday on behalf of the prosecution, before a jammed packed courtroom, were Daniel Uland of St. Joseph, father of the slain girl; Berrien county assistant medical examiner Dr. Charles E. Boonstra, and Richard Nelson, latent print specialist of the Michigan State Police post in East Lansing.

Prosecutor Ronald Taylor said he had seven more witnesses to call. Defense Counsel S. Jack Keller of St. Joseph indicated he was not certain how many witnesses he call on behalf of the defense. Purnell was returned to the county jail without bond.

The partially clad body of Miss Uland, 20, was found in a ditch off Thar road in Hagar township the morning of June 18, 1971, by a group of hiking scouts. Purnell, 24, of Stevensville, was arrested in connection with the murder earlier this month by state police of the Benton Harbor

Mercy hospital. Following his examination of the body Dr. Boonstra had said the slaying probably took place 24 to 36 hours prior to when her body was examined. He stated that he examined the body at approximately 3 p.m. the day Miss Uland's body was found at the site and again at 8:50 p.m. that same day in

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LEAVING COURT: David Jordan Purnell, accused on an open charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Miss Janet Uland leaves Berrien Fifth District court in St. Joseph early Thursday evening following three hours of testimony at preliminary examination. Hearing was adjourned until Friday afternoon, April 7. Purnell returned to county jail without bond. (Staff photo).

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

## Round Two In Taylor Vs. Pollard

There's an old saying among judges and lawyers that frustrating facts make for tough law and the New Year's Eve murder of two New Buffalo State Police officers is raising a real bruha in the St. Joseph court house.

Early this month Ronald J. Taylor, the prosecutor, lost in a bid to hold the slain killer's woman companion, Mrs. Dorothy Broz, to trial on a first degree murder charge.

The most the prosecution could show was her presence at the murder scene.

Paul Pollard, the District Judge before whom was held the preliminary examination, ruled this was insufficient evidence to bind her over to trial in the circuit court.

Julian E. Hughes, the Circuit Court to whom Taylor appealed to override Pollard's ruling, sustained the decision.

Although the great majority among the area's people believe the two judges displayed too much concern for legal niceties and should have permitted a jury to mull the evidence, under our legal system Pollard and Hughes had no choice but to rule as they did.

When companion officers to the slain State Troopers arrested Mrs. Broz they found nearly \$662 in her purse.

This money, according to their Lansing headquarters, may be most of the loot her dead companion stole earlier on the day of the murder from a Detroit area fabric shop.

Shortly after Judge Hughes upheld his dismissal of the murder charge against Mrs. Broz, Judge Pollard ordered Taylor to return the money to Mrs. Broz.

We assume Judge Pollard went on the premise that her possession of the money carries a presumption of rightful ownership to it in the absence of the prosecution showing one of two contrary possibilities: that the money was used in perpetrating a crime, or that Mrs. Broz was the custodian of funds illegally taken from their rightful owner.

Upon Taylor's refusal to heed this order, Judge Pollard issued a contempt citation.

## Easter Is Fulfillment

The story of Easter is the story of intimate personal experience, of sorrow and hopelessness changed to joy and confidence.

It is the story of a woman in a garden in the dark hour before dawn to minister to the dead, to find there was no death.

It is the story of two forlorn men trudging along the road to Emmaus, preparing to carry on life without the one who had given it meaning, and their revelation that He walked beside them.

In a locked room in Jerusalem others were huddled in fear and with good reason. They were the known followers of the Man executed because his revelation of eternal truth had threatened the brief authority of the day. So long as they lived that authority remained in danger.

Then, of a sudden, Jesus stood in their midst. Doubt, weakness and fear fell away and they were glad.

The Easter message is no mere remote hope of some land of happiness beyond the grave which leaves us standing gazing up into heaven. Such hopes can be found in other religions and philosophies far older than Christianity.

They have led, as often as not, to selfish obsession, a slavery of the spirit more stultifying than the slavery of mind and body which Marxist materialism demands. And they have as little to meet the needs of a fearful and hungering humanity in our modern world.

Easter is more than promise or hope. It is fulfillment.

"Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world," and "Lo I am with you always."

It is the offer of power to live and act with purpose, stripped of those inhibiting

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The prosecutor immediately appealed to William S. White, the newest addition to the Circuit Court, to set aside the return order and to quash the contempt citation.

The two contestants threshed out the intricacies of that procedure on Tuesday before Judge White who ruled in Taylor's favor.

The conflicting arguments centered around two principal points: whether Pollard has the authority to decide the ownership question; and whether Taylor should first go through the contempt hearing and then appeal to the Circuit Court rather than to jump into Circuit Court immediately.

Judge Pollard has indicated he will appeal Judge White's handling of the matter and if he does, this legal vendetta between him and Taylor could enjoy a few more years until the last Court up the line gives its decision.

The interesting facet in the quarrel has been the absence of participation by the people having the greatest personal interest in the \$662.

Indirectly at least, Judge White, in his Tuesday decision, advised Pollard and Taylor to stop squabbling. White figured those who might have a claim to the \$662 should take over debate.

Judge White invited Mrs. Broz to press her claim in either his court or district court. Such an invitation necessarily would include those who may have counter-claims. Possibilities are the fabric shop or its insurer if there is one, and if such insurer has paid a claim to the store and taken an assignment of rights to the money from the store.

This is a common sense way of saying that those who have an interest at stake should be fighting their own battles rather than standing by as spectators to a duel over that stake by tax supported officials.

Judge White is an ardent fisherman; and it may be he drew upon an analogy from that finny sport which feels each angler should hold his own pole and not be expected to troll for someone else.



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### KATHY REITZ IS CROWNED

—1 Year Ago—

Brown-haired Kathy Reitz was crowned Miss Baroda before a capacity crowd of 450 that jammed the elementary school in Baroda.

Miss Reitz, 17, a senior at Lakeshore high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reitz, 8948 Third street, Baroda. She has blue eyes.

### SALES RECORD FOR CHERRIES

—10 Years Ago—

The movement of frozen sour cherries out of cold storage hit an all-time record pace of 12,360,000 pounds during the month of February.

The monthly cold storage report issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture showed that 87,756,000 pounds of cherries were on hand March

1, compared to 100,116,000 pounds on Feb. 1.

### NEW RUSS OFFENSIVE ON LENINGRAD FRONT

—30 Years Ago—

The Russians reported tonight new important successes before Leningrad, where the soviet army, striving desperately to open up a land route with the Russian interior, was said to have started rolling over the German and Finnish forces along the whole front.

The Soviet radio reported the capture of an "important strategic point" in the Leningrad area. It did not name it, but it was known that the Russians had long been attempting to isolate or recapture Schlusselburg, east of Leningrad on Lake Ladoga.

ROBBERY

—40 Years Ago—

Two young bandits who flashed guns, looted the

register and held up customers at the Hollywood store south of St. Joseph about 8 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. H. C. Jasper was in charge of the store while her husband was away and was forced to hand over the cash in the till.

SPRING'S HERE

—50 Years Ago—

Spring is here. Day-old chicks are now being received at the St. Joseph postoffice en route to stores and residents.

### BUSINESS TOMORROW

—60 Years Ago—

Tomorrow Gillespie & Reiher will commence serving the public from their new soda fountain — a sure sign of spring.

### OPENS MONDAY

—80 Years Ago—

The enlarged and refurnished Hotel Whitcomb will be opened next Monday.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

### EASTER

Here again is the time of year, that all we Christians hold so dear.

Honoring Him who on the Cross, gave his life, that we might not be lost.

We hear again the church bells ring, calling us again to come and worship Him;

With alleluias, hymns and prayers, seeking deliverance from our many errors:

Let us then not enter our Church because we have a new hat or tie,

but rather come to worship Him, who on the Cross did die.

And now as these spring rains cleanse and purify the Earth, Might we get our hearts and minds attuned again this day with a New Life and a New Birth.

Allan Molner  
465 Pavone  
Benton Harbor

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

### CRUX ANSATA (THE CROSS OF LIFE)

They say He was a kind and gentle Man, With soft eyes that gazed into eternity. His heart was filled with love for one and all, This stranger from the shores of Galilee.

They asked Him if He were indeed a King. He answered them with lips that never lied, His only crime was that He spoke the truth, And for this the Son of God was crucified.

They placed a crown of thorns upon His head, And led Him, with blood streaming from His face, Then nailed Him to a crude and rugged cross, Between two thieves who hung there in disgrace.

But it was not a cross of death He hung upon, For death brings thoughts of extinction to the mind, His cross became a sign of eternal life. Of courage and of hope for all mankind,

Then heavy stone and seal and Roman Guard, His body to its resting place confined. He rose in glory on that first Easter Morn, And buried death in the tomb He left behind.

He had walked among men to teach them how to live, A far more Godlike kind of life had been His goal, "Man, thou art dust; to dust thou shalt return...." ....These words were never written of the soul.

CHET GARLANGER  
820 Court St.  
St. Joseph

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

### ATTENDANCE APPRECIATED

We would like to thank all of the many concerned people who attended the "secret" meetings of the John Birch Society March 20, and 27, at the Youth Memorial Building.

The next film will be April 3, 'Overview of Our World', which we feel is the best film of the series. We hope you will all attend, and bring a friend.

Thank you again, from all the local chapters of the John Birch Society.

C.B. BURY  
555 Edwards Ave.  
Benton Harbor

## USIA Chief Apologizes To Fulbright

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the United States Information Agency has apologized for calling Sen. J.W. Fulbright's foreign policy views stupid, the Arkansas Democrat says. But a showing of a U.S. foreign propaganda film on New York City television apparently is still on, despite Fulbright's efforts to block it.

Fulbright said Thursday he had asked the Justice Department to move against the showing of the USIA film on Czechoslovakia scheduled on 12 New York channels this weekend as part of Sen. James L. Buckley's television show.

## Roy Cromley

## Devalued Dollar Hits Japan Hard



WASHINGTON — (NEA) — A most distressing letter has arrived from friends in Japan. It explains why President Nixon's devaluation of the dollar and increased restrictions on imports have been a continuing shock to Japan.

And it suggests that the United States and Japan had better, and quickly, set up some mechanism for close and regular consultation and cooperation to protect our close mutual economic, political and national security interests. For, in the way the world has developed since World War II, our two countries are heavily dependent on each other.

The problem is that President Nixon's new economic measures came just as the Japanese economy was showing signs of recovery from the recession which began in late 1970.

As a result of the Nixon action at this critical juncture, my sources estimate it will be difficult for Japan to avoid a depression lasting for a considerable time. Recovery will require a major reorganization of Japanese industry.

For while one repeatedly reads of Japan's industrial giants, most business in Japan is small and medium scale. That's not unusual, of course.

But what is important is that these smaller industries have become heavily dependent on foreign trade. As wages and other raw material costs increased over the past few years, the firms stepped up production and exports

Corcoran replied the Senator was opposed to it, "because women don't want it — they'd rather be protected by the clauses that forbid women to work overtime and things like that."

The Senator apparently did not begin to sense the power and persistence of women on this issue until the Washington State Legislature passed an equal rights amendment about two months ago. By the time he reached the Wisconsin primary, Jackson was saying informally — but only in response to questions — that he favored the Senate amendment.

Jackson told me after his press conference last week that he now favored it "because all those little ladies' groups wouldn't give me any peace if I didn't." If it meant anything more than an irritant to him, he did not indicate it.

He was asked about the amendment by a high school student at St. Mary's in Portage, Wis., last week. He replied that he favored it "and all the other unequal rights women get, such as men stepping aside for women on a bus." He did not explain what conceivable relationship social manners have to the serious problem of discrimination on the basis of sex. (Nor, for that matter, on the basis of his concept of modern-day transportation manners, does he seem to have ridden a bus during rush hour lately.)

## BERRY'S WORLD



"Did you make any interesting 'value judgments' today, dear?"

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1972

Twin City  
News

## Benton Man Killed At Ross Field

Dies When Pinned Under  
Cement Roller

A 20-year-old Benton township man, employed at Ross field, was killed at the airport Thursday when a tractor he was on tipped and threw him under a large cement lawn roller.

Killed was Richard Alan

Stuppy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stuppy, 1351 East Empire avenue, Benton Harbor.

Police said the accident occurred at 4:15 p.m.

Patrolman Steve DeWitt reported Stuppy apparently was trying to move the cement roller with a tractor which was connected by a chain under the seat to the roller.

The roller was heavier than the tractor, DeWitt said. When Stuppy started to drive the tractor it flipped backwards, pinning him against the roller. Stuppy was dead on arrival at Mercy hospital.

Edward Weisbruch, airport manager, said Stuppy had not been assigned to move the roller and apparently had taken it upon himself to do so. Weisbruch added the roller had not been moved since 1943.

Weisbruch said the abandoned roller was located at the west end of the field in an unused portion. Stuppy had been cleaning up winter rubble and apparently found a place he thought needed rolling. Weisbruch explained.

Stuppy, who was born in Benton Harbor Dec. 19, 1951, worked for the City of Benton Harbor at Ross Field and attended Lake Michigan College. He was a 1970 graduate of Saginaw Lutheran high school to Michigan Lutheran high school.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stuppy; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Podjani of Benton Harbor; a sister, Linda of St. Joseph; and a brother, Donald, a seminary student at Mequon, Wis.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Grace Lutheran church with the Rev. Ronald F. Freier officiating. Burial will be in North Shore Memory Gardens.

Friends may call at the Kerley and Starks funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Lutheran high school.

### Tire Fire Extinguished

St. Joseph township electors will face an agenda that ranges from fire protection to utility development when the annual meeting is held 1 p.m. Saturday in the Fairplain township hall. The township meeting is a unique bit of early American democracy in action. Township residents vote on such key items as budgets, initiate projects and scan financial and department reports for the past fiscal year.

As the township becomes more urbanized however its municipal-type problems multiply.

Supervisor Orval L. Benson said there will be reports on the progress of the water and sanitary sewer installation throughout the township plus a check on dates and deadlines coming up on various aspects of the sewer system. In addition there will be reports on the fire department, parks commission and other regular township functions.

It's possible the meeting will take a more rural aspect. One resident may propose ordinances prohibiting raising fowl and farm animals. Also expected is a discussion on library services.

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GIRLS SCORE AGAIN: For the second year in a row two girls have won St. Joseph Division \$4,000 Whirlpool Foundation scholarships. The awards were made

yesterday by Don Herrit, division manager. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Poschke and their daughter, Donna, a Lakeshore High school senior; Herrit; Miss

Joan Duffy, a Hartford High school senior and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Duffy. (Staff Photo)



RICHARD A. STUPPY  
Killed At Airport

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SCENE OF DEATH: Pictured are the tractor and cement roller that led to death of 20-year-old Rick Stuppy yesterday at Ross Field airport. Stuppy was trying to move roller with tractor, when tractor tipped up and threw Stuppy off, pinning him between tractor and roller. Airport Manager Ed Weisbruch said the roller weighs about five tons, while Weisbruch said.

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Section  
Two

## South Berrien US-31 Route Is Pinpointed

By LYLE SUMERIX  
South Berrien Bureau  
BUCHANAN — Route

location engineer, Michigan

highway department, said bids will be sought on the first section in 1975. Construction is expected to require two years.

The first section will extend from the state line west of Mayflower road in Bertrand township to Walton road northeast of Buchanan. The 6.9 miles of freeway are estimated to cost \$17 million.

The freeway will cross

Mayflower road just north of

Bertrand road, running parallel to Mayflower to the St. Joseph river, and intersect Walton road north of Smith road, about two miles northeast of Buchanan.

Interchanges will be built at US-12, Niles-Buchanan road and Walton road to serve the Niles-Buchanan area. Chicago road in Bertrand township will be severed by the freeway, as will Riverside road in Buchanan township.

Not settled is where the highway will go once it reaches Buchanan. Roberts said one possibility is that it will swing south to US-12.

The engineering report for the freeway to Walton road is expected to be available in about 30 days.

Roberts said location of the freeway from Walton road to I-94 at I-196 east of Benton Harbor has not been completed. Public hearings on this portion are tentatively scheduled this fall.

The 8.8 miles from Walton road to present US-31 interchange north of Berrien Springs, just east of Red Bud Trail, are estimated to cost \$19.5 million. Roberts emphasized this was only a tentative figure until the location is settled.

This section would run north from Walton road, swinging west in Berrien township to cross the south end of Lake Chapin and pass west of Berrien Springs. Bid letting for this section is tentatively scheduled for 1976.

The final 12.4 mile section to I-196 will travel almost straight north from the interchange with present US-31. An interchange will branch off south of Sodus to join with I-94 at the beginning of business I-94 leading into St. Joseph, north of Stevensville.

The second phase, for which the contract will probably be let sometime in the fall, will consist of paving the 24-foot-wide road and stabilization of the shoulders and will cost about \$200,000, Kaiser said.

Plaintiffs further claim apartments will deprive them of the peaceful, comfortable use of their property and diminish its value.

They seek temporary and later permanent court orders barring construction.

Plaintiffs are Dr. Humberto M. Rasi of 104 Meadow Lane; David Hass of 112 Meadow Lane; and James C. Anderson of 102 Meadow Lane.

The plaintiffs in the suit are also circulating a petition addressed to Oronoko township Supervisor Robert G. Feather, asking that building permits for the apartments be revoked and that procedures for notifying the public of impending zoning decisions be changed. Publication of a legal advertisement is the only notice currently required.

The plaintiffs say no one in the immediate area of the construction knew it was coming until it began. They say no one was informed about a public hearing on the zoning change, which they have now learned was held last year.

Defendants are Oronoko township; building contractors Gary Rusk and Edward Hardin of Berrien Springs; and owners of lots 260 through 264, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Trickett and Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Oliver of Berrien Springs.

They are ordered to show cause April 7 at 1:30 p.m. in Berrien circuit court why a temporary order against construction should not be issued.



## Hearing On Bangor Road To Be Held

By STEVEN McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

LAWRENCE — A public hearing on the proposed improvement of County Road 681 north from Red Arrow highway to Bangor will be held during the week of April 23, a spokesman for the county road commission said Thursday.

Barring any widespread objections, the first of two contracts for the 6.15-mile, \$875,000 project should be let no later than June 21, according to Paul Kaiser, the county road commission engineer-manager.

Exact date and site of the public hearing, during which any objections to the project can be aired, will be announced later, Kaiser added.

The improvement of the road is high on the commission's priority list and will be partially financed by federal aid of about \$437,500 from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the engineer-manager said.

The proposed road will also be financed by the county's share of motor vehicle highway funds from the state.

When completed, the paved road will provide an outlet for Bangor area motorists to I-94 and will provide an improved road for farm-to-market commerce, Kaiser said.

Kaiser also confirmed that two financial institutions earlier this week were low bidders on about \$500,000 worth of motor vehicle highway notes

sold to provide the financing.

The notes, pledging the county's share of the motor vehicle highway funds for the construction, were sold at an average interest rate of 3.99 per cent to Kennewick MacArthur Division of the American Securities Corp., and the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Michigan, he said.

Kaiser said the road commission will begin advertising for bids for the construction after the public hearing and rights-of-way have been purchased.

First phase of construction will consist of grading, drainage construction and putting down a base bituminous surface costing an estimated \$700,000.

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Plaintiffs are Dr. Humberto M. Rasi of 104 Meadow Lane; David Hass of 112 Meadow Lane; and James C. Anderson of 102 Meadow Lane.

The plaintiffs in the suit are

also circulating a petition

addressed to Oronoko township Supervisor Robert G. Feather,

asking that building permits

for the apartments be revoked

and that procedures for

notifying the public of im-

pending zoning decisions be

changed. Publication of a legal

advertisement is the only

notice currently required.

The plaintiffs say no one in

the immediate area of the

construction knew it was

coming until it began. They say

no one was informed about a

public hearing on the zoning

change, which they have now

learned was held last year.

Defendants are Oronoko

township; building contractors

Gary Rusk and Edward Hardin

of Berrien Springs; and owners

of lots 260 through 264, Dr. and

Mrs. Wilson Trickett and Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Oliver of Berrien

Springs.

They are ordered to show

cause April 7 at 1:30 p.m. in

Berrien circuit court why a

temporary order against

construction should not be

issued.

## Coloma Man Injured

COLOMA — Bruce E. Baker, 18, box 567, Bundy road, Coloma, received cuts to his chin at 1:20 a.m. today when his car struck a utility pole on Church street here.

Baker's car failed to negotiate a curve, left the roadway, and struck the pole, coming to rest about 40 feet from the point of impact.

Baker was treated at Watervliet Community hospital. He was issued a summons by Coloma police failure to have his vehicle under control.



## Three Oaks Pair Guilty In Illinois

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They are being held awaiting sentencing in Circuit Court.

COLOMA INVESTIGATIONS: Representatives of the public service commission of the state department of commerce were in Coloma yesterday to investigate the safety of the railroad crossing on Paw Paw street, where William B. Imler, 21, of Coloma, was killed March 11. It was the first fatal car-train accident at the crossing since 1965. The first fatal car-train accident at the crossing since 1965.

Norman Carrothers, Coloma city commissioner; Donald Guy, engineer of signals for Chesapeake and Ohio railroad; E.E. Newhouse, trainmaster from New Buffalo; Vern Erdman, supervisor of signals; Inspector Donald W. Westphal of the public service commission; Jim Packer, division officer of engineering for C&O; and Coloma Police Chief Kenneth Unruh. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## Tots Through 18 To Hunt For Eggs

Up to 200 youthful residents of Berrien Homes apartments at 141 South Crystal avenue, Benton township, will take to the field Saturday noon in a giant Easter egg hunt sponsored by the apartment tenants' council.

Mrs. Katie Roseburgh, council resident agent, said children from toddlers through age 10 will hunt for eggs filled with candy and toys at 12 noon at the apartment recreation field, while children age 11 through 18 will search for decorated hard-boiled eggs starting at 12:30 p.m.



Luis Mestre  
Knight of Year

WATERVLIET — The Watervliet Knights of Columbus council awarded its Knight of the Year honor in absentia at a recent banquet to Luis Mestre. Mestre, a charter member of the council since its formation in 1955, was in the University of Michigan hospital where he remains seriously ill. He had held the office of financial secretary of the council from 1957 until his illness forced him to relinquish the office very recently this year.

His wife, Sybil, accepted the plaque signifying the award, on his behalf. Presentation was made by Claude Swigart, last year's recipient of the honor. The banquet was held at the council's clubhouse.

Walter Duday, past president of the Columbian club, was presented the Columbian club man of the year award by Joe Golas, club president.

Martin P. Immoos, Jr., grand knight of the council from 1969 to 1971 was presented the past grand knight's pin by Grand Knight Bob Voggie.

Sgt. Jerry Hyland of the Benton Harbor state police post, addressed the banquet audience on area narcotics problems.

**Tour Starts**

MONTREAL, Que. (AP) — A delegation of table tennis players and sports officials from the People's Republic of China arrived in Montreal Thursday to begin a 10-day tour of Canada.

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